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STATE RESERVATION COMMISSION.

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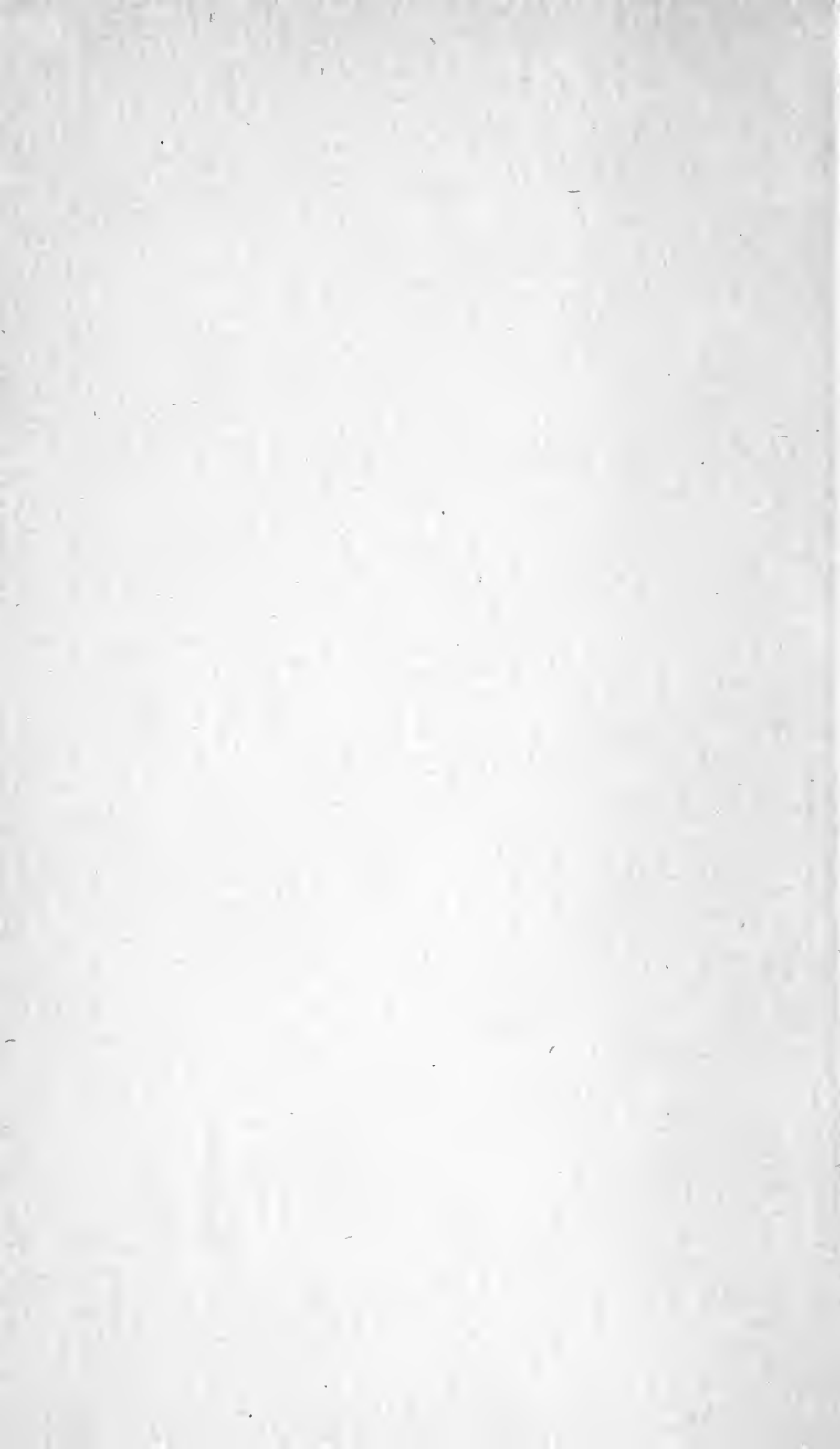
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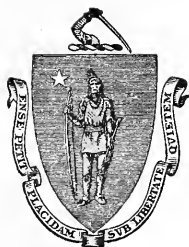
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STATE RESERVATION COMMISSION.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

REPORT OF THE MOUNT EVERETT STATE RESERVATION COMMISSION.

FROM JAN. 1, 1911, TO JAN. 1, 1912.

The commissioners of the Mount Everett State Reservation hereby present their third annual report.

The whole amount of land now belonging to said reservation is as follows:—

	Acres.
Culver tract, estimated,	125
Whitbeck tract, estimated,	375
MacNaughton tract:—	
First lot by survey,	252 $\frac{9}{10}$
Second lot by survey,	62 $\frac{4}{10}$
Total,	815 $\frac{3}{10}$

The commissioners purchased the first two tracts for the agreed price of \$2,000. For the MacNaughton tract the commission awarded the same amount. This award has not yet been accepted, and the \$2,000 is still in the State treasury. No additional lands were acquired during the year 1911.

The commission desiring to purchase about 150 acres lying on the northerly side of the lands already acquired, for the purpose of extending the reservation up to the line of the old Sheffield Road, so called, presented a petition to the Legislature of 1911 for a further appropriation with which to pay for such additional tract. After a very full hearing and careful consideration the Legislature decided that it was inexpedient at present to increase the area of the reservation and denied the petition.

As the reservation nowhere touches a public highway, the commissioners further petitioned the Legislature for an appro-

priation with which to purchase a strip of land over which a way can be constructed from the line of the present nearest highway to Lake Undine, a beautiful sheet of water lying within the reservation and at the foot of the mountain on the northerly side. We are pleased to report that the prayer of the commissioners in this regard was successful, and an appropriation of \$2,000 was granted for the purpose named in chapter 114 of the Resolves of 1911.

To carry out this purpose we employed Herbert F. Keith, civil engineer, to make surveys to locate the proposed way. Mr. Keith partially surveyed two routes and reports upon them as follows:—

1. The shortest line to construct would be as follows: beginning on the highway a little south of the summer residence of James MacNaughton in the town of Mount Washington; thence easterly from said highway to the reservation a distance of about 2,400 feet; thence over the lands of the reservation, following the line of an old wood road up heavy grade to a point at the outlet of Lake Undine, a total distance of 4,700 feet.

2. The second route leaves the highway near the post office in said Mount Washington, and goes southeasterly a distance of 11,350 feet to the State reservation; thence over lands of the reservation to the same terminus on Lake Undine as the first route, a distance of 1,450 feet, making the total length of this route 12,800 feet. This route would have a maximum grade of less than 5 per cent., and most of the distance would be under 3 per cent.

The commissioners have not determined which, if either, of these proposed routes to adopt. The expense of constructing the road must be borne by the county of Berkshire, and the choice of a route will be guided in a considerable measure by the cost of construction.

The commissioners contemplate purchasing for this roadway a strip of land 100 feet in width over which the road will be constructed, and which, in addition to a roadway, will constitute a valuable fire break after being cleared of timber.

We are also in hopes that this appropriation of \$2,000 will be sufficient to defray the expense of acquiring title to the old colonial road from Sheffield to Mount Washington. This old road opens up some very delightful views, and if constructed

in connection with the proposed new road from the highway in Mount Washington it would be possible for visitors to go to the reservation by one way and return by an entirely different route. This would certainly be an added attraction.

The Mount Everett Reservation, when open to the public by a good automobile road with a shelter bungalow at Lake Undine, will furnish a new and delightful source of pleasure to all visitors.

A few historical facts concerning Mount Everett which have not appeared in our previous reports may be of interest.

The original name of the range of mountains of which Mount Everett is the central feature is Taconic, sometimes spelled Taughkammic. This name covers the whole range extending from Connecticut on the south along the western border of Massachusetts to Vermont on the north, a distance of about 60 miles.

Mount Everett has been a source of attraction ever since South Berkshire was settled. The trail to its summit followed that made by the Indians. The top of the mountain always being bare of timber furnished a lookout station covering many leagues of country in each direction.

Timothy Dwight, president of Yale college, was a lover of this Dome of the Taconics, the mountain's early name. Dr. Dwight took several trips with Yale students to Mount Everett. There are two published records of these trips. In one, which he made in 1781, he says:—

In the year 1781 I ascended the loftiest summit of this mountain and found a most extensive and splendid prospect spread about me.

The house where Dr. Dwight and his students then stopped is still standing.

Matthew Arnold said of Mount Everett in 1886:—

I like Berkshire more and more. The Dome (Mount Everett) is really an imposing and beautiful mass; I have seen it from many points and in many lights and in ever-increasing admiration.

Hawthorne wrote of Mount Everett as follows:—

Beyond Monument Mountain like a headless sphinx is the Dome of

Taconic, whose round head is more distinct than ever in winter when its snow patches are visible, but which generally is a dark blue, unvaried mountain top.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The original appropriation for Mount Everett was . . . \$5,000 00

On Jan. 1, 1911, there was still remaining in the

State treasury, \$2,381 65

Of this sum there was due Mrs. Elizabeth P. Mac-

Naughton, 2,000 00

Balance unappropriated, \$381 65

Expended during the year 1911, 217 75

Leaving balance on hand of original appropria-

tion Jan. 1, 1912, \$163 90

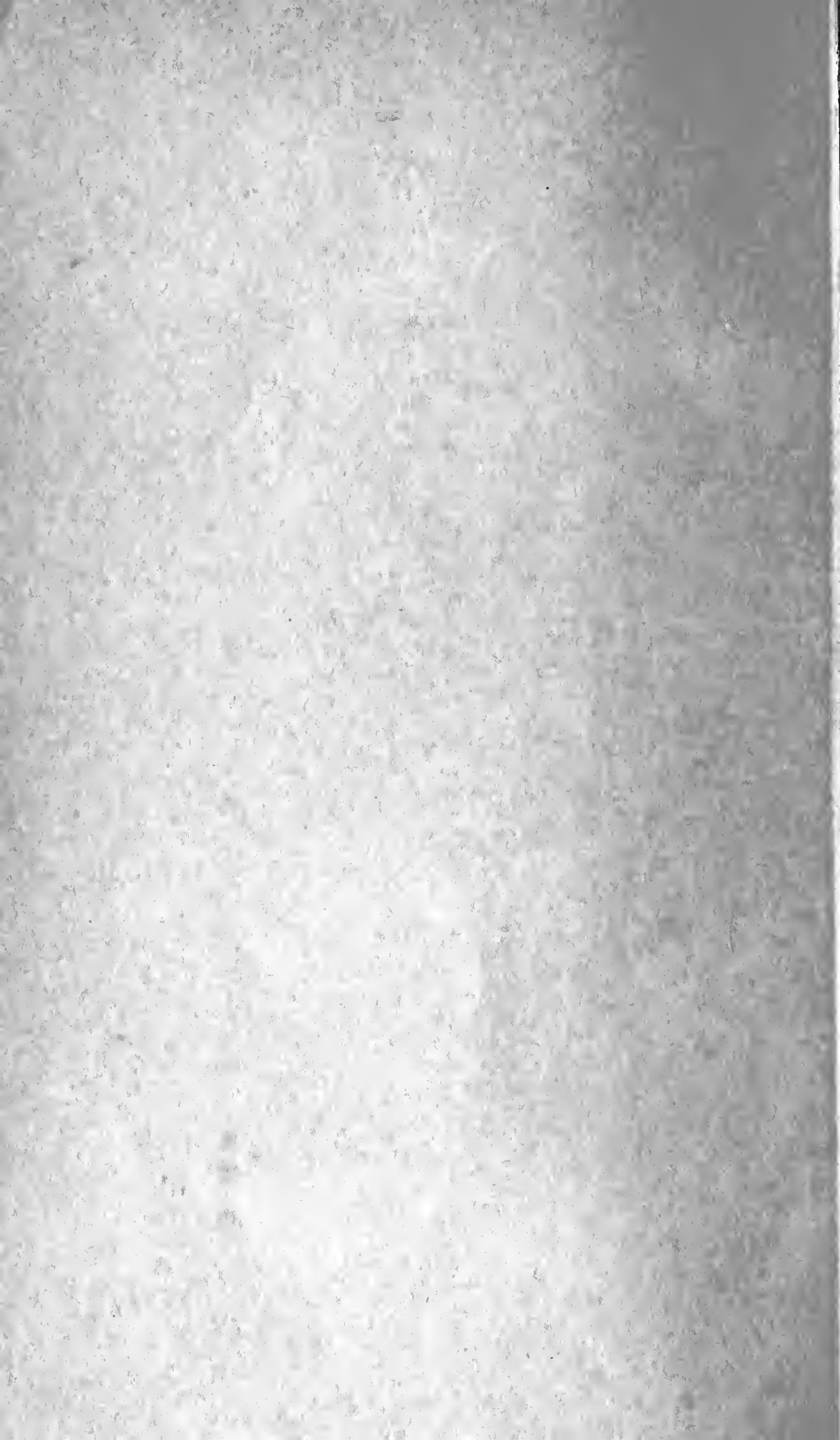
Appropriated by State in 1911, 2,000 00

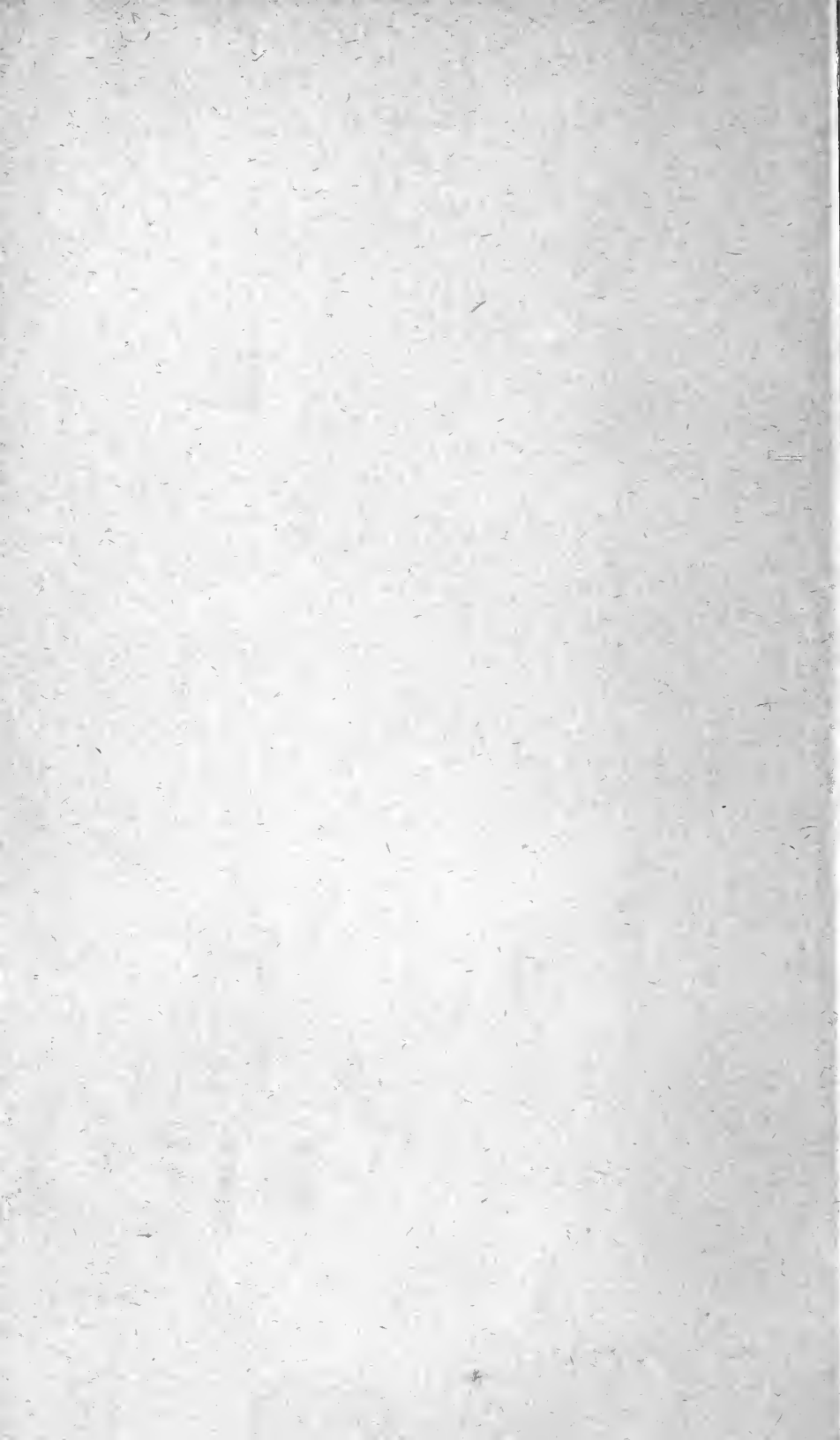
Amount on hand not appropriated Jan. 1, 1912, \$2,163 90

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. JOYNER,
A. C. COLLINS,
H. M. WHITE,

Commissioners.





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FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

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MOUNT EVERETT

STATE RESERVATION COMMISSION.

JANUARY, 1913.



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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

REPORT OF THE MOUNT EVERETT STATE RESERVATION COMMISSION.

FROM JAN. 1, 1912, TO JAN. 1, 1913.

The commissioners of the Mount Everett Reservation hereby present their fourth annual report.

No appropriations by the State, county or from any other source were made during the year 1912 for the uses of the reservation. A small amount is needed to acquire land on the north-erly side of the present holdings so as to extend the reservation to the Sheffield town line and make it more symmetrical in form. The commissioners are confidently hoping that the sum necessary for this additional acquisition will be forthcoming in the near future.

We have been successful in finding a satisfactory route for a roadway leading from the present town highway in Mount Washington up the side of the mountain to the reservation. This route leaves the highway at a point a little southerly of the summer residence of James Macnaughton, and runs upward by easy grade, easterly, to Lake Undine at the foot of the Dome, and is about one mile in length.

Mr. George Bauer, superintendent of the Greylock Reservation, a practical road builder, has examined this route in connection with the commissioners, and estimates the cost of constructing a good automobile road over the same to be \$3,000.

Application was made by us to the county commissioners of Berkshire County at the December, 1912, meeting of said county commissioners for an appropriation of \$3,000 to build this road. We are informed that the county commissioners have awarded, for the purpose named, the sum of \$2,500.

When this road is completed the citizens of Massachusetts, and all others who desire, will be able to visit the reservation and enjoy its scenic beauties.

A resting station and boat-house should be erected on the shores of Lake Undine, and with this and the road completed the commissioners feel that the objects of the reservation as a recreation place will be accomplished.

Larger plans in harmony with the tendency of the times towards conservatism of natural resources, it is to be hoped, will, before many years, produce tangible results by the creation of a forest and game preserve in the mountain area which spreads out on all sides from Mount Everett.

There are many natural attractions in the vicinity of Mount Everett and the range of mountains of which it is the central feature. In addition to those to which reference has been made in previous reports we mention Bear Rock Falls and Sage's Ravine. Through the latter a rapid brook cascades from a point high on the mountain side to the level of the Housatonic valley.

That the public at large is becoming interested in this little reservation is evidenced by the fact that the secretary of the commission has received from time to time inquiries for copies of the annual reports of the commissioners, these inquiries coming from public libraries, historical and engineering societies, including the Conservation Commission of Canada.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The original appropriation for Mount Everett Reservation	
made in 1908 was	\$5,000 00
An additional appropriation was made by the Commonwealth in 1911 for the exclusive purpose of acquiring road-	
ways to the reservation of	2,000 00
Making the total appropriated by the Commonwealth up to	
Jan. 1, 1913, for the Mount Everett Reservation, . . .	\$7,000 00

Of the sum so appropriated there was still in the State treasury Jan. 1, 1912, \$4,163 90
Of this unexpended balance the commissioners awarded to Mrs. Elizabeth P. Macnaughton for lands taken by the commission, . . . \$2,000 00
During the year 1912 the commissioners expended, for surveying routes and other necessary expenses connected with the reservation, . . . 594 00
Leaving an unexpended balance in the State treasury due the reservation, Jan. 1, 1913, of . . 1,569 90
_____ \$4,163 90

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. JOYNER,
A. C. COLLINS,
H. M. WHITE,

Commissioners of Mount Everett Reservation.





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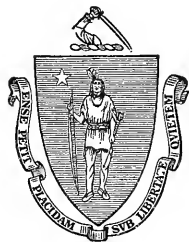
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FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MOUNT EVERETT RESERVATION COMMISSION.

FROM JAN. 1, 1913, TO JAN. 1, 1914.

No appropriation was made by the Commonwealth in aid of this reservation during the year 1913.

By chapter 114 of the Resolves of the Massachusetts Legislature for 1911 \$2,000 was granted for acquiring land for a suitable approach to the reservation from the highway. This fund not having been exhausted, the commissioners took, on Oct. 28, 1913, by eminent domain, a strip of land 66 feet in width, running from the highway to Lake Undine, a distance of about 4,600 feet, for the purpose of constructing thereon such suitable approach, viz., a convenient way for carriages and pedestrians from the public highway to the reservation.

The record title to this strip of land was in Mrs. Elizabeth P. Macnaughtan. The commissioners endeavored to negotiate with Mrs. Macnaughtan for the purchase of this strip of land, but could obtain no terms from her. We therefore, as before stated, exercised the authority given us as commissioners to condemn and take the land in the same manner that land is taken for park purposes, and awarded her \$300 therefor. We have received no notice from Mrs. Macnaughtan as to whether or not she will accept the award.

The county of Berkshire, acting by its board of county commissioners, generously appropriated \$2,500 in 1913 for the purpose of constructing roadways over the strip of land so taken, and elsewhere through the reservation. Late in the year 1913 the commissioners caused to be constructed an excellent road over the whole length of said strip of land. By this construction

there is now a good open road from the west main highway in the town of Mount Washington to Lake Undine. This road is from 14 to 16 feet in width, of easy grade, and suitable for the use of pedestrians, carriages and automobiles. The construction work was done by Mr. H. I. Peer of Great Barrington, a very competent contractor. The commissioners, being anxious that the work should be thoroughly done, employed Mr. George A. Bauer, of the Greylock Reservation, to superintend the construction. The cost of the road was \$2,339.17. The small balance of the county appropriation will probably be needed in the spring to make such repairs as the winter's exposure is likely to develop.

The commissioners also caused a pathway to be cut through the timber from Lake Undine up the mountain side to the foot of the Dome. It is the purpose of the commission to extend the roadway over this pathway as far as practicable, and to this end the commission has applied to the county commissioners for a further appropriation.

The Mount Everett Reservation, as at present acquired, is a valuable addition to the assets of the Commonwealth. It will be better known as the years pass, and when better known, more highly appreciated by citizens of the Commonwealth and visitors to Massachusetts.

When the State adopts a broad forest conservation policy, as later it surely will, no region with which we are acquainted will offer greater opportunity for practical results from such policy than the surroundings of Mount Everett.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

*Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in Account with the Commissioners of
the Mount Everett Reservation.*

DR.

To balance in the State treasury due the reservation Jan. 1,
1913, \$1,569 90

CR.

By amount paid Herbert F. Keith for making
survey of land for road, \$98 00
By amount awarded Mrs. Elizabeth P. Mac-
naughtan for land taken by the commission for
roadway, 300 00
By balance in State treasury due reservation Jan.
1, 1914, 1,171 90
————— \$1,569 90

*County of Berkshire, in Account with the Mount Everett Reservation
Commission.*

DR.

To amount appropriated by county commissioners of Berk-
shire County for construction of roadways on Mount
Everett Reservation, \$2,500 00

CR.

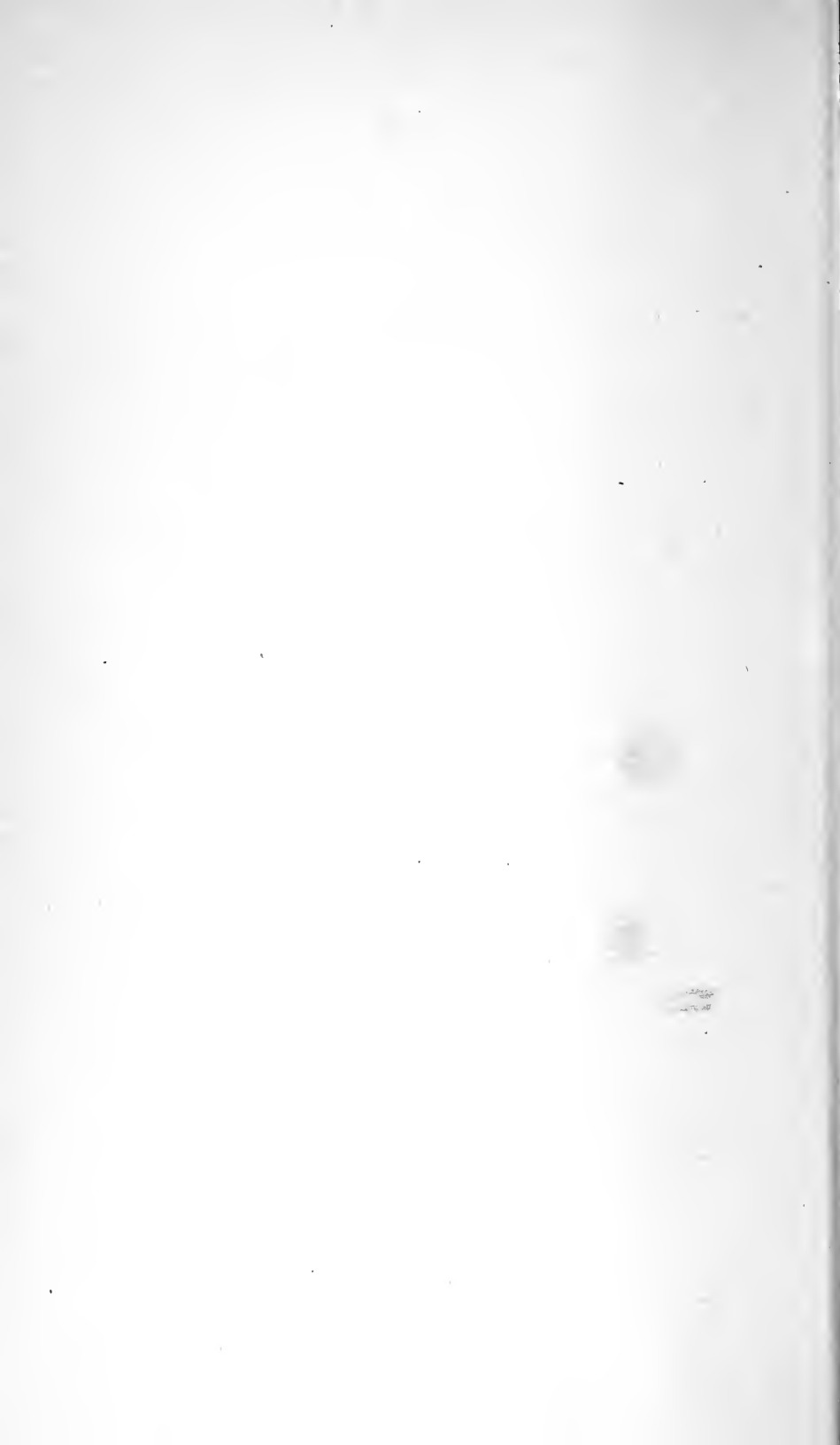
By cost of road from highway to Lake Undine,
constructed by commission in 1913, . . . \$2,339 17
By balance due commission from county, . . . 160 83
————— \$2,500 00

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. JOYNER,
A. C. COLLINS,
H. M. WHITE,

Commissioners of Mount Everett Reservation.





SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT

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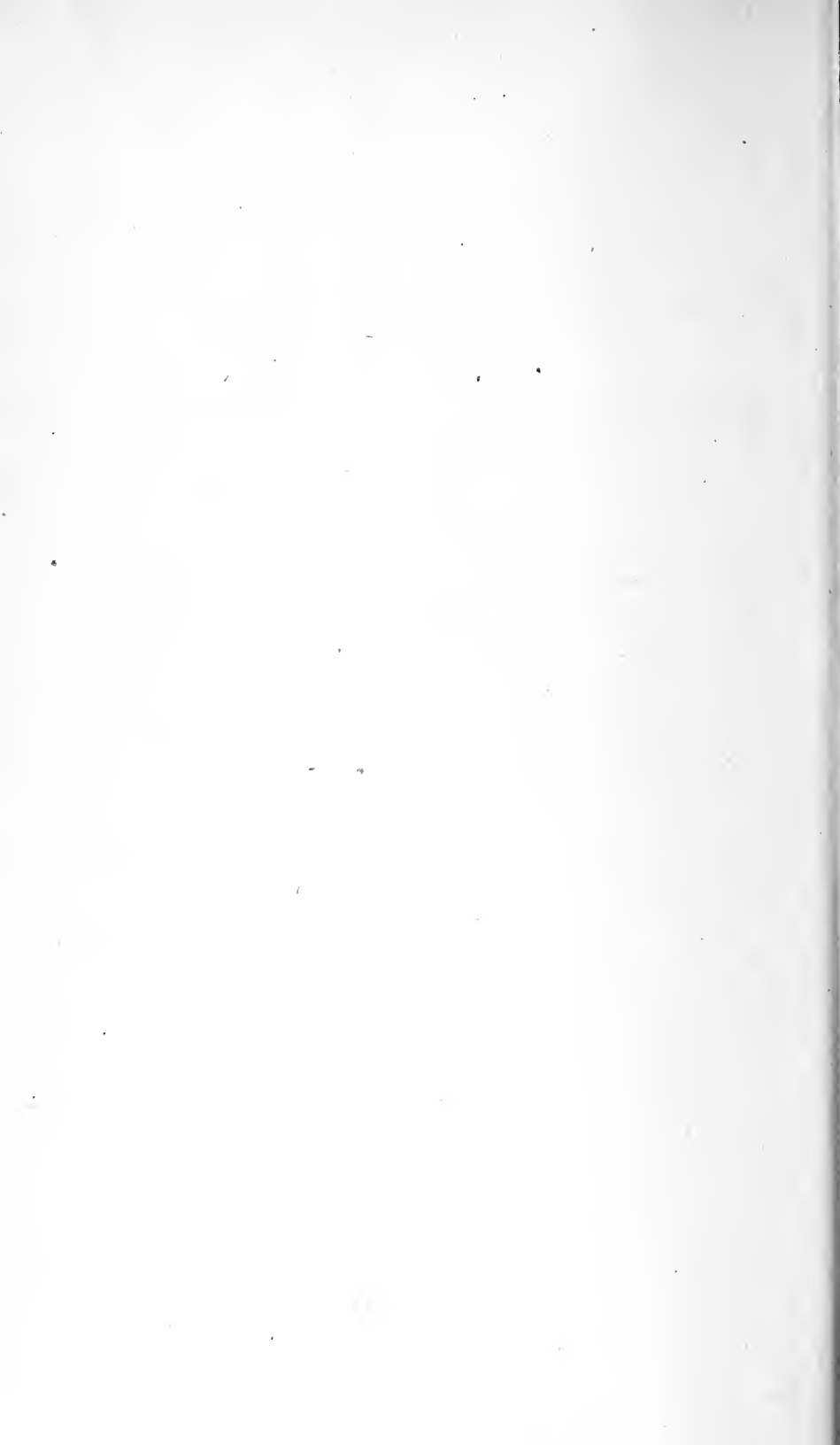
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A. CHALKLEY COLLINS, *Secretary.*

PETER J. TYER.



REPORT OF THE MOUNT EVERETT STATE
RESERVATION COMMISSION.

It includes the “Dome of the Taconics,” a bald rock summit 2,624 feet above the sea level and the second highest peak in the State of Massachusetts.

The reservation also includes Lake Undine, a beautiful sheet of water well up on the mountain side and said to be the highest lake in the State.

During the past year, owing to the extreme difficulty of getting laborers, practically nothing has been done on the reservation except to keep in repair the roads already built.

Before the coming season is ended, however, we hope to be able to show very substantial and satisfactory progress.

Mount Everett has always been famous as a resort for tourists, and with the development of the reservation the number of people visiting it each year will be largely increased. Its western slopes rise from the elevated plateau of the town of Mount Washington, which is only 12 miles from Great Barrington, and is most easily reached by the public highway running through the village of South Egremont; it may also be approached from the west by the highway leading past the famous Bash Bish falls to Copake, N. Y. There was formerly a passable carriage road leading from Mount Washington to Sheffield on the east, but this was very steep in places and is now impassable. There is also a road leading southerly to Salisbury. The road from Great Barrington through South Egremont to the foot of the mountain is in good condition for auto travel, but the road from that point up the hill to the township of Mount Washington is only good for carriages, as it is rather narrow and is crossed by too many water bars to be attractive to the autoist. This road should be repaired and put in proper condition for auto travel. The expense would be too great to be assumed by the small towns of Egremont and Mount Washington, and it seems to us that it should be undertaken by the State Highway Commission.

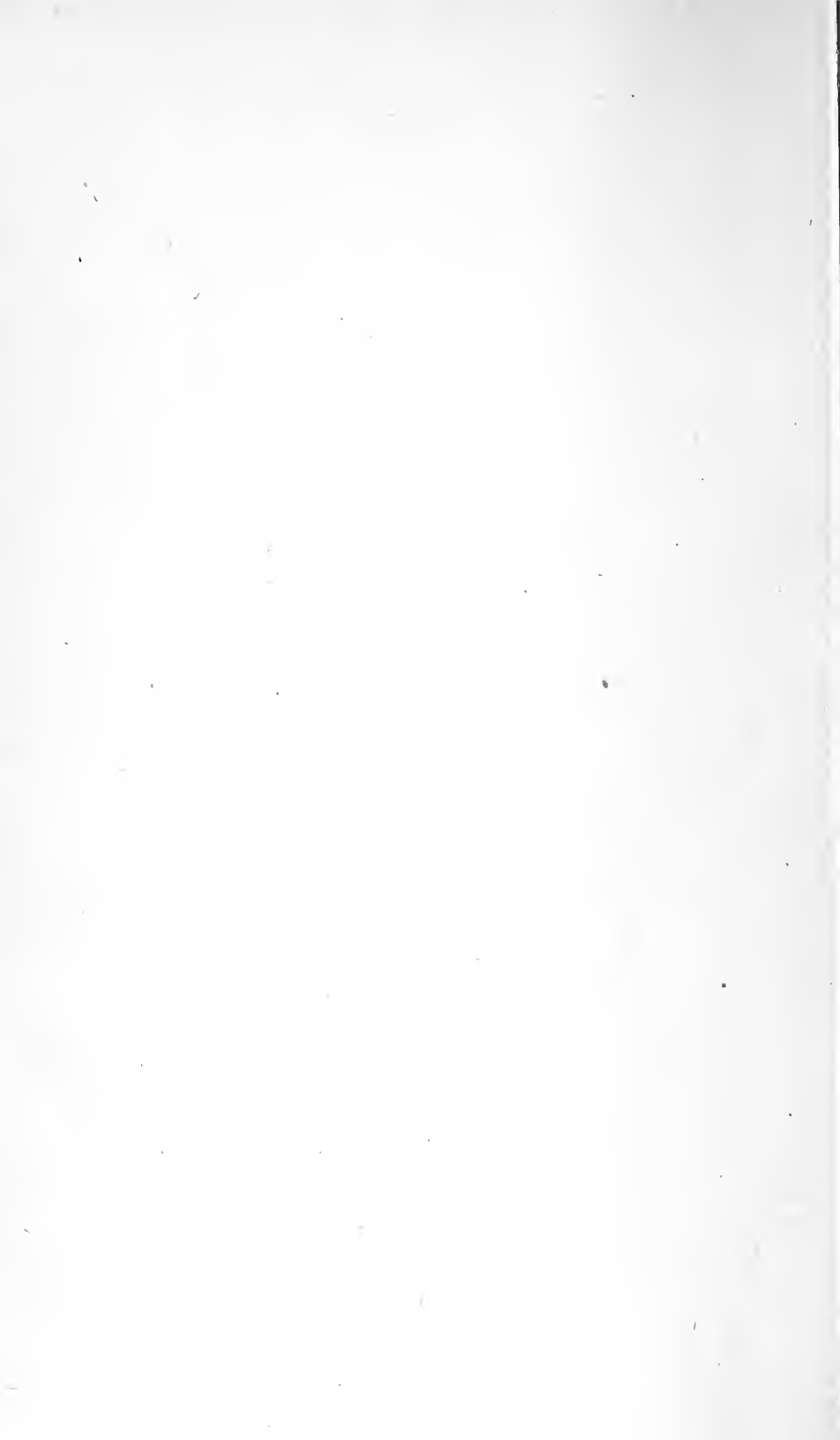
While the State paid for the land constituting the reservation, yet the county of Berkshire is obliged to appropriate each year a considerable amount to keep it in proper condition and pay for its reasonable improvement and development. It would therefore seem very fitting under the circumstances for the State to assume the expense of improving this highway and making the State reservation as convenient of access to the public as is possible.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT C. JOYNER,
A. CHALKLEY COLLINS,
PETER J. TYER,

Commissioners.

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PETER J. TYER.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

REPORT OF THE MOUNT EVERETT STATE RESERVATION COMMISSION.

Since submitting our last report considerable progress has been made in developing the reservation.

The road has been continued up the side of the mountain as far as the watchman's cabin near Lookout Point, where a good sized parking place for automobiles has been constructed.

The building of this road has been difficult and expensive owing to the amount of rock blasting required and the lack of good surfacing material. This road was laid out by a competent engineer and is passable for automobiles. The grade for some distance above Lake Undine is quite good, but from the parking place established at that point up to the cabin it is necessarily somewhat steeper.

During the past year a good trail has been built from the cabin to the fire tower on the summit of the dome.

This trail is somewhat longer than the old footpath which followed the shortest passable course up the steep side of the mountain, but it has an easy grade winding around the easterly and southerly sides of the mountain and renders the summit easily accessible to every one.

It also opens up some of the most beautiful views to be obtained from the reservation and will be a delight to all lovers of mountain scenery.

It is impossible to know how many people have visited the reservation, but from our records kept by the fire watchman, Mr. F. K. Shears, over 2,000 visitors have climbed the observation tower on the summit of the dome and registered during the past season. These have come from all parts of the country and some from foreign countries, but the greater number have

come from the States of Massachusetts, Connecticut and New York.

Had it not been for the frequent rains during the early part of the season, and the fact that a new State road was under construction from Great Barrington to South Egremont, the number of visitors would have been larger.

Upon the completion of this State highway the reservation will be more accessible. The road leading up to Mount Washington has been considerably improved by the aid of the appropriations made by the county commissioners for the towns of Mount Washington and Egremont through which the road runs leading to the reservation.

With a larger appropriation made for the coming season more can be done for developing the reservation.

No additional road building is contemplated for the near future, but the present road will need considerable repairing in the spring. New trails will be opened up and possibly a cabin built near Lake Undine.

Early last season quite extensive forest fires occurred a few miles north of the reservation in the towns of Mount Washington and Egremont. A large force of men under the direction of the town firewardens, working day and night, fortunately succeeded in putting out the fires before they reached the boundaries of the reservation.

The Mount Everett Reservation is one of the beauty spots of this State and should be made as accessible to the public as is reasonably possible. To accomplish this much desired result the road leading up the mountain to the reservation should be put in better condition for automobile travel, and this can be done only by the help of the State.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT C. JOYNER,
A. CHALKLEY COLLINS,
PETER J. TYER,

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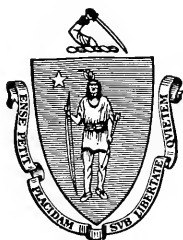
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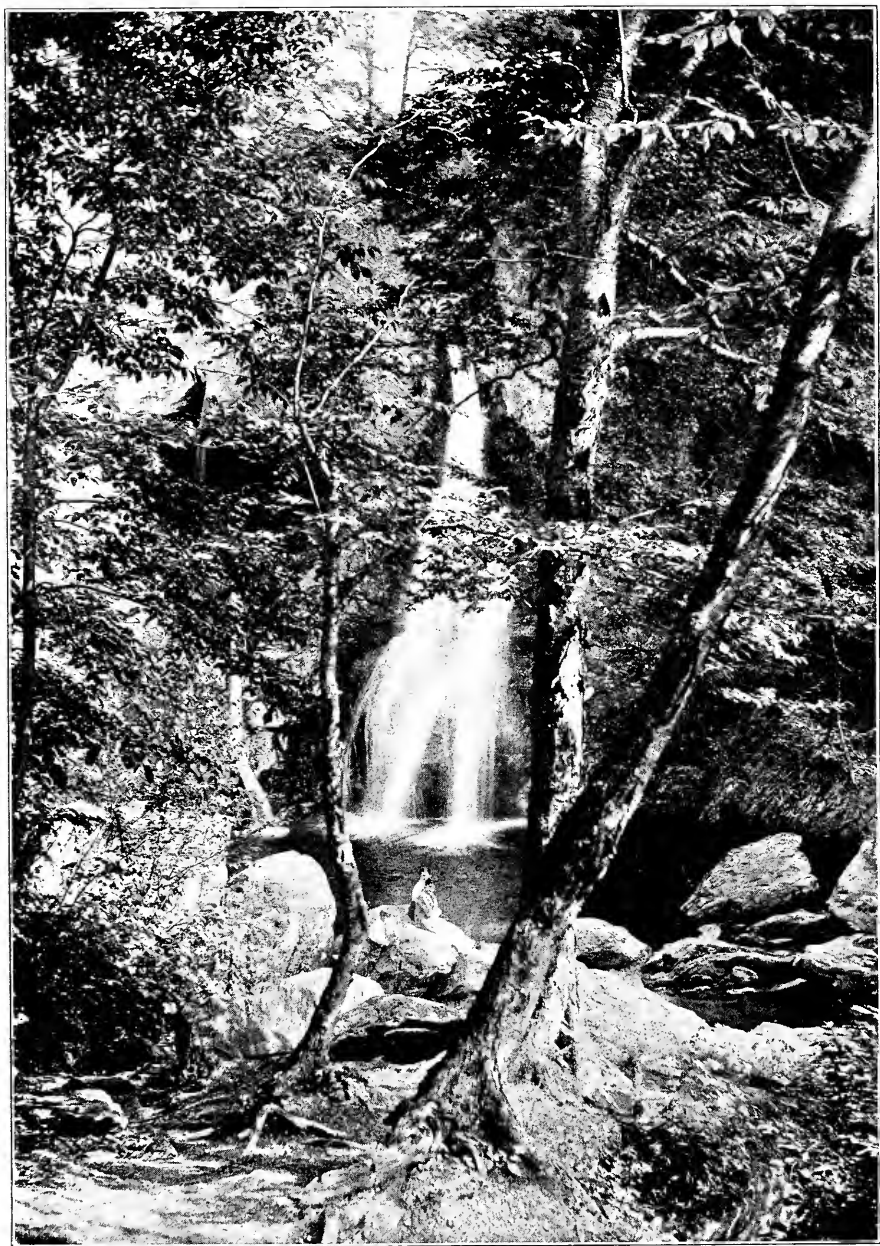
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BASH BISH FALLS

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

REPORT OF THE MOUNT EVERETT STATE RESERVATION COMMISSION.

During the past year much work has been done in making needed repairs and improvements on the road leading from the public highway in the town of Mount Washington through the Reservation. This road leads near the shores of Lake Undine, and ends at the log cabin which is occupied by Frederick K. Shears, the Observer in charge of the fire tower on the summit of The Dome. There is a large parking place near this cabin, and from this an easy trail made last year leads to the summit. On the road leading up to the Lake a short piece of new road has been built, cutting off the "Hairpin Curve" so called and making the ascent much easier for automobiles. This work has been done under the supervision of Engineer John M. Race of Housatonic.

During the past year over three thousand visitors have climbed the tower on the summit and registered in the observation room; many more, of course, have visited the Reservation without registering. These have come from thirty-eight different states of the Union, and with representatives from eleven foreign countries.

This Reservation is located in the extreme southwest corner of the State, and contains over eight hundred acres. Its principal feature is The Dome, the second highest peak in Massachusetts, with an elevation of 2,624 feet above sea level. Far up on the mountain side is Lake Undine, and it has many other attractive features for the lover of nature in its wild state.

The beautiful Twin Lakes in Connecticut, the fertile valleys, and distant villages are seen as you climb the mountain sides. From the lofty observation tower located on the bald summit of the Dome is seen a wonderful panorama of mountains, lakes and valleys. In the foreground are Mounts Alandar and Riga. The Catskills may be seen in the west, and on a clear day the Ashokan Reservoir has been distinguished. Mount Greylock, 40 miles to the north, can be distinguished, and even hills in Vermont and New Hampshire are seen. Prof. Hitchcock, who visited this section in his explorations of the State, writes as follows, of the Dome in his "Geology of Massachusetts":

"The central part is somewhat conical, almost naked eminence; except that, numerous yellow pines, two or three feet high, and huckleberry bushes have fixed themselves wherever the crevices of the rock afford sufficient soil. Hence the view from the summit is entirely unobstructed. And what a view!

In depth, in height, in circuit, how serene!
The spectacle, how pure — of nature's works
In earth and air,
A revelation infinite it seems.

You feel yourself to be standing above everything around you, and feel the proud consciousness of literally looking down upon all terrestrial scenes. Before you on the east, the valley through which the Housatonic wanders, stretches far northward in Massachusetts, and southward into Connecticut, sprinkled over with copse and glebe, with small sheets of water and beautiful villages. To the southeast, especially, a large sheet of water appears (Twin Lakes), of surpassing beauty. In the southwest the gigantic Alandar, Riga and other mountains more remote, seem to bear the blue heavens on their heads in calm majesty; while stretching across the far distant west, the Catskills hang like the curtains of the sky. Oh! what a glorious display of mountains all around you! And how does one in such a spot turn round and round, and drink in new glories, and feel his heart swelling more and more with emotions and sublimity, until the tired optic nerve shrinks

from its office. This certainly is the grandest prospect in Massachusetts and the first hour that one spends in such a spot is among the richest treasures that memory lays up in her storehouse."

BASH BISH FALLS.

To the west of the Mount Everett Reservation are the famous Bash Bish Falls which are located in Mount Washington and near the New York State line. The property, including about 400 acres of mountain woodland, was recently purchased from the Flagler estate by Mrs. Francis R. Masters of New York City, for the purpose of saving the falls from commercial uses, and preserving the wonderful scenic beauties of the falls and adjoining territory for future generations.

She now offers to convey this property to the State of Massachusetts for its actual cost to her. We strongly recommend the purchase of this property by the State, the same to be added to the Mount Everett Reservation or to be placed under the care of such commission as the Legislature may determine. A bill will be introduced at the coming session of the Legislature for this purpose. Action is already being taken in the State of New York with a view to establishing a large scenic park or reservation in that State and adjoining the Bash Bish property.

Clark W. Bryan in his Book of Berkshire, writes of this place:

Just opposite the perpendicular north end of Alandar, after plunging 200 feet, in all, down through a narrow gorge, whose sides tower 200 and 300 feet above, over several precipitous slopes that, taken together, are the noted Bashbish Falls; and just after the last leap of sixty feet, where the water is divided by a huge boulder on the brink, the stream turns sharp to the west, and goes dancing away to join the Hudson through a gorge made by the north end of Alandar and the south end of Cedar Mountain. Below the falls it descends 300 feet in a short distance. Into the valley of this romantic stream, from either side above the falls, come several tributary narrow valleys, which in their lower portions are narrow gorges, and to clamber through them is so difficult, and often so dangerous as to be very enticing to those of an adventurous turn of mind. A trip to the Falls is always a day's excursion, and should include a walk from the lower falls to the Eagle's Nest, to the Lookoff, and to the upper falls, and returning by the highway. When going down the road in the gorge above the falls, the Old Man of the Mountains, or Profile Rock, will be seen high up on the right. This towering head is approachable from above, and commands a magnificent view of the gorge, the Catskills and the intervening country.

Prof. Hitchcock writing of Bash Bish describes it as "the most remarkable and interesting gorge in Massachusetts."

Other noted writers and visitors are no less enthusiastic in their descriptions of the beauties of this place.

This wonderful property should certainly be added to the Reservations of the Commonwealth, and the present opportunity to purchase it at a reasonable price ought not to be lost.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT C. JOYNER,
A. CHALKLEY COLLINS,
PETER J. TYER,
Commissioners.

GREAT BARRINGTON, MASS., December 12, 1923.



